



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of **DeWitt et al**

Application No. 09/904,471

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROCESSING OUTGOING BULK MAIL**

Examiner: Shapiro, Jeffrey

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Page 5, the paragraph starting on line 4, replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

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After being scanned and weighed, each piece is transported to a labeler 95, which applies the appropriate postage to each piece of mail. The mail is then conveyed to a sorting station 110, which sorts the mail into a plurality of bins 115,116. Prior to sorting the mail, it may be desirable to verify that the proper postage was applied to the mail. Accordingly, a verifier 100 may be included to scan in the mail to read the recipient's address and the applied postage. If the scanned address and applied postage are correct, the piece is sorted into the outgoing mail in the sorting station 110. Otherwise, the mail is sent to a reject bin.

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